

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED AIRCRAFT

All aircraft.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this notification is to advise all aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations, and parts suppliers and distributors regarding aircraft parts supplied by Panaviation, S.r.l., an aircraft parts distributor/reseller located in Italy.

BACKGROUND

Information received during a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) suspected unapproved parts (SUP) investigation revealed that from the late 1980's to April 2001, Panaviation, S.r.l., Aeroporto Ciampino, Hangar 126B, 00040, Rome, Italy, may have shipped aircraft parts with improper documentation, documents with false and misleading statements, and parts with misrepresented histories. At various times, Panaviation purchased surplus new and used aircraft parts from Meridiana Airlines, Adria Airways, and other sources. The parts were sent for repair and/or sold by Panaviation to various entities in the United States and Europe. Panaviation holds no Joint Aviation Authority (JAA) or FAA certification.

During a visit to the Panaviation warehouse facility at Ciampino Airport, Rome, Italy, the following were found:

- A JAA Form One on which "white-out" had been used to erase pertinent part information; however, previously filled-in organization and signature blocks were left untouched.
- Numerous JAA Form One and FAA Form 8130-3 documents with identical signatures.
- A template created from a Meridiana Airlines invoice. Documents could have been inserted behind the template and copied, falsely indicating parts traceability to Meridiana even though the parts had not originally been purchased from them.
- Improper storage of critical aircraft electronic parts, tires, and other items.
- A small workshop area where minor modifications and cleaning had apparently been performed.
- A number of blank serviceable parts tags and manufacturers' data plates.
- Hydraulic actuators with altered data plates.

RECOMMENDATION

Regulations require that type-certificated products conform to their type design. Aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and distributors should inspect their aircraft, aircraft records,

and/or aircraft parts inventories for any parts purchased from or through Panaviation of Rome, Italy. You should take appropriate action if any of these parts have been installed on an aircraft. If any existing inventory includes these parts, the FAA recommends that you quarantine the parts to prevent installation on an aircraft until a determination can be made regarding each part's eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the FAA Flight Standards International Field Office (IFO) given below. The FAA would appreciate any information concerning parts purchased from Panaviation, S.r.l., through any source, the means used to identify the source, and the action taken to remove the parts from service.

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